



The Bible Says



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One Hope

In Ephesians 4:4 Paul says there is **one hope**. We have discussed the other six "one" items in verses 4-6.

The Bible Says, Romans 8:24-25 "For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? ²⁵But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." But what is this hope and on what is it based? Titus 1:2 "In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

Now that we have learned WHAT we are to receive, through whom may we receive it? I Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." This hope, then, is **not** by Buddah, **not** by the prophet Joseph Smith (?) (Mormons), **not** by the prophet (?) Muhammad (Islam), but by Jesus our Savior and Lord.

The resurrection of Christ is a very important event. Paul said, "For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: ¹⁷And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. ¹⁸ Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable" (I Corinthians 15:16-19). However, he continues by saying in I Corinthians 15:20, "But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept." Hebrews 6:18-19 "That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: ¹⁹Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast. . ."

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